

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The amendment will remove the lack of clarity that now exists in the law regarding license renewals. Section 54-1216, Idaho Code, makes renewal of a license contingent only on the payment of a renewal fee. Section 54-1220, Idaho Code authorizes the board to refuse to renew a license as part of a disciplinary action. The change in statute will clarify that the completion of administrative requirements provided by Idaho's laws and rules in addition to the payment of a renewal fee is a condition of license renewal.

Currently more than 10% of licensees and certificate holders renew late. The amendment provides incentives to renew on time by adjusting the late fee for renewal of licenses and certificates from 20% (\$20) per month to 50% (\$50) per month, and the maximum late fee from \$300 to \$500. More on-time renewals will reduce the workload of the office staff and prosecutor that send late renewal notices, audit continuing professional development (CPD) compliance, and take enforcement action resulting from late renewals. A new provision will allow first time CPD violators the option to request a \$400 fine in lieu of discipline. Disciplinary actions are published for 10 years and are reported to other states. Most licensees found with CPD violations prefer to avoid discipline and are expected to utilize this provision.

The law requires five board members consisting of one licensed professional land surveyor and four licensed professional engineers. Currently, the board has one member who is professionally licensed as both a land surveyor and an engineer. Examining the demographics of licensees who reside in Idaho, the board discovered that future dual licensed board candidates are decreasing in numbers significantly. The board sees value in retaining two licensed land surveyors as complex survey matters are normally deferred to them. Additionally, better representation both geographically and between engineering disciplines is beneficial. The amendment will change board membership to seven members, consisting of two land surveyors and five engineers.

FISCAL NOTE

The late fee change annually increases revenue to the dedicated fund of the board by \$16,000. The fine in lieu of discipline provision annually increases revenue to the dedicated fund of the board by \$4,000, and annually decreases funds to the General Fund by \$2,000. Two more board members will cost the dedicated fund \$18,000 per year. All cost and revenue changes are a permanent. Revenue increases come from licensees and certificate holders who renew late.

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